

# Speaker Asks: 'Idealism: Demonic Seduction Or

By Robert O'Brien  
PINEVILLE, La. (BP) — Unless Christians and Christian colleges teach young people to temper their idealism with insight, wisdom and maturity, a prominent American Baptist educator said in a three-part lecture series here, they will set the stage for the frustration, violence and repression characteristic of student movements throughout history.

Culbert Rutenber, delivering the third in the H. I. Hester lectures of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, told Southern Baptist educators, he wished "to cast three anchors to the stern," not to halt the ship of adult adulation for teenagers but to slow its progress.

"I dissent from the older generation, not because they are such sinners — which they are — but because . . . they give the young people the impression that youth are not," declared the lean, silver-haired professor of philosophy of religion at American Baptist Seminary of the West at Covina, Calif.

Rutenber cited historical references of adults who over extol youthful virtues, culminating with a eulogy he said Father Frank Citro gave at the funeral of Symbionese Liberation Army "terrorist" Angela Atwood.

"She was a dear, honest, sincere girl who — like Christ — died for

her beliefs. . . . (At her death, she was) . . . following a Christian vocation. (Her death was) . . . an act of martyrdom," Rutenber disdainfully quoted Citro as saying.

Citing historical proofs for his comments, he dropped the "three anchors:" 1. He disagreed that students are any more idealistic than adults; 2. Even if they are, it is unwise to constantly tell them so. ("It is not surprising that with the number of times our young people have been told this they come to believe in their inherent right not only to be heard, but to be obeyed.") 3. "Idealism, uninformed by insight, wisdom and maturity, has often traditionally been demonic."

The Symbionese Liberation Army terrorists were certainly idealistic — renouncing class privilege, affirming horror of conditions, expressing love for the poor and disinherited, crying out against dehumanization — declared Rutenber.

"So they attacked the evils of dehumanization by themselves dehumanizing. By ceasing to see the opposition as human and reducing them to 'pigs,' they find warrant for terrorism, assassinations, bombings. After all, pigs are for killing—whether they be police pigs, middle class pigs . . . or enemy of the people pigs."

Hitler, "monster that he was," was

idealistic, Rutenber said. So, he continued, were the legions of students, later to grow up into storm troopers, who embarked on an "idealistic" orgy of violence, suppression, book burning and dehumanizing of their pre-World War II version of pigs to bring what they felt was justice to the so-

cial order.

"Idealism is far from an unmixed blessing since it is as liable to demonic seduction as to angelic persuasion," vowed the articulate professor. "The men of Watergate were not bad men; they were blind men," Rutenber declared. "Their eyes were

so wholly on the over-riding importance of their ideals for America—the ideals which would only be realized by the triumph of Richard Nixon and the defeat of the 'kooks' and 'weirdos' who stood with McGovern—that they came to believe that any means justified such lofty ends."

Christian colleges and universities, who nurture and educate young people, Rutenber said, "need more than a religion department and a white elephant chapel to classify as Christian schools."

Christian educators, urged Rutenber. (Continued On Page 2)

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### Witnessing Mission Set In Hong Kong

MEMPHIS (BP)—A series of practical experiences in Christian witnessing have been arranged for Southern Baptists attending the First World Conference of Baptist Men Nov. 26-30, in Hong Kong.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission reported he worked out the details of the witnessing project during a recent trip to Taiwan and Korea.

More than 1,000 men, including 600 North Americans, are expected to attend the five-day world-wide meeting under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance.

McCullough said Southern Baptist missionary J. Hunter Hammett of Taipei, administrator of the Taiwan Baptist Mission, and O. K. Bozeman of Seoul, chairman of the Korea Baptist Mission, are arranging for the Christian witnessing opportunities in their two countries.

Two staff members of the Commission will be asked to work with the missionaries to correlate the witness mission, McCullough said.

McCullough said he also arranged for the laymen to visit with lay persons and Southern Baptist missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, before the world conference.

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### Groundbreaking Services Are Conducted For Farrow Manor

Groundbreaking services for Farrow Manor, a new child care installation to be operated as a branch facility of the Baptist Children's Village in Jackson, were held on Sunday, June 16.

The services were held in Tate County on Route Two, Coldwater, beginning at 3:00 o'clock p.m., according to Paul N. Nunnery, Village superintendent.

Featured program personalities included Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary — treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Mr. Nunnery and officers of Northwest Mississippi Childcare Center.

The proposed Village branch facility has been designated "Farrow Manor" to honor Mrs. Ada Farrow, a lifetime resident of Tate County, who contributed the 186-acre tract of land upon which a home for children and a church camp — retreat will be constructed.

Northwest Mississippi Childcare Center is a Baptist-oriented, non-

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### Annie Armstrong Gifts Top Record For 12 Months

ATLANTA (BP) — The 1974 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions in the first six months of the year has already topped last year's record 12-month total, Home Mission Board (HMB) Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge said here.

Rutledge told HMB executive committee members at their June 27 meeting that the offering total was up 19.36 percent at \$6,884,730. The total 1973 offering, highest on record, was \$5,884,358.

The HMB leader said if receipts continue at the same rate, the 1974 total could reach more than \$8 million. Goal for the 1974 offering is \$7.2 million.

In three actions regarding the HMB staff, the executive committee approved the election of two new staff members in the departments of missionary personnel and language missions and approved the placing of W. D. Lawes, associate director of the board's division of evangelism, on long term disability.

Lawes has been on medical leave of absence from his position for several months.

Jerry Lynn Scruggs, director of Christian social ministries in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York, was named associate director of the department of missionary personnel, effective September 1. He was replace Bryce Sandlin, who resigned recently to join the religion faculty at Howard

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### Projects Strategy Studies

## FMB Appoints 34 Missionaries

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its July meeting here added 34 persons to its overseas force and made plans for projecting a bold new strategy in foreign missions during the final quarter of the 20th century.

The 15 couples appointed as career missionaries and two couples employed as missionary associates will serve in 13 countries. Two of the new missionaries have formerly served as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen.

"You are not spectators," Baker J. Cauten, the board's executive secretary, told the overflow crowd of about 2,700 at the appointment service held during Foreign Mission



Leaders among the participants in groundbreaking services for Northwest Child Care Center were, from left: L. W. Turner, Tate County, Northwest board president; Paul N. Nunnery, Jackson, superintendent of the state Baptist Children's Village; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Ada Farrow, of Tate County, who gave the 186 acres of land for the Center.

### Carey College Awarded \$50,000 Grant By Kresge Foundation

Carey College officials has made public the announcement of a \$50,000 grant awarded the school by The Kresge Foundation.

Following a proposal submitted in connection with the 1973 Million Dollar Development Campaign, the Board of Trustees of The Kresge Foundation approved the grant as completion funds for the renovation of Tatum Court and the construction of the new Business Administration Building. Tatum Court is the college's traditional administration building, renovated to house also the humanities. The official opening date for these facilities is scheduled for August 29, 1974.

William H. Baldwin, president and trustee of The Kresge Foundation, reported the awarding of the \$50,000 grant by letter to William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noon-

kester, on June 17 of this year. The Kresge Foundation is a private trust corporation with the stated purpose of promoting the well-being of mankind, and its Trustees are authorized to expend Foundation Funds to this end.

"The Kresge grant is a significant milestone in the life of our institution," commented Dr. Noonkester. "It is the largest single grant that we have been awarded by a major foundation concerned with private higher education. The fact that it was given in connection with our one million dollar drive — the largest not only in our school's history but also in the history of the city of Hattiesburg — makes it uniquely important to our future. We are deeply indebted to The Kresge Board of Trustees." (For Picture See Page 2)

## Editorials Measure Dallas Convention

By Baptist Press

Editors of Southern Baptist state newspapers, reacting to the 117th session of the Southern Baptist Convention completed recently in Dallas, could all agree on one thing — it was the biggest ever, with a record 18,190 messengers registered.

And their consensus was, too, that it was a convention of unity and harmony, one without theological controversy, one which maintained the status quo on such issues as women, abortion, peace and amnesty, and one presided over by a president, Owen Cooper, whom they praised unanimously as one of the best SBC presidents ever.

Unifying factors, editors agreed, were Southern Baptists' continuing emphasis on evangelism and missions, their belief in the centrality of the local church and their ability to find more things to agree upon than to squabble over.

Whether biggest was best, however, drew mixed reactions.

The SBC's hugeness troubled two editors. "Bigness can be a monster which devours us," commented Edgar

Cooper of the Florida Baptist Witness. The convention is getting so huge "that democratic business meetings are impossible." Cooper recommended improving ways for messengers to get attention at floor microphones. E. Eugene Whitlow of the Baptist New Mexican urged limiting the number of messengers eligible to register and until that happens limiting attendance on the floor to registered messengers only.

The television image magnification system, which projected speakers larger-than-life on two 24 x 32 foot screens, was widely hailed as a redeeming feature of the convention in the cavernous, flat, elongated Dallas Convention Center.

But the quality of the convention itself drew no unanimity from editors.

"Generally speaking, it was a constructive meeting," wrote James F. Cole, editor of Louisiana's Baptist Message. John J. Hurt of the Baptist Standard in Texas, Joe Odle of the Baptist Record in Mississippi and Hudson Baggett of the Alabama Baptist called it either the best or one of the best.

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## Church Music Pioneer Commemorated

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The late B. B. McKinney, who pioneered the emergence of Southern Baptist church music, was honored here in a special service during the Church Music Leadership Conference.

Mrs. McKinney, widow of the first music editor at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, came to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center from her home in Nashville, Tenn., for the tribute to McKinney's life and work.

Six state Baptist music secretaries and three retired state music secretaries were on the stage of Spilman Auditorium to honor McKinney, along with W. Hines Sims, who succeeded him as secretary of the church music department at the Sunday School Board following McKinney's tragic automobile accident en route to Nashville from Ridgecrest Conference Center in 1952.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department since Sims' retirement in 1970, spoke in tribute to McKinney as a man to whom "we owe a debt of obligation and gratitude" for his contribution to Southern Baptist church music.

McKinney, one of Southern Baptists' foremost hymn writers, led the first music week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in 1949. He went to the Sunday School Board in 1935 as music editor. He worked in that job until 1941 when the church music department was established and he was named the first secretary of the department.

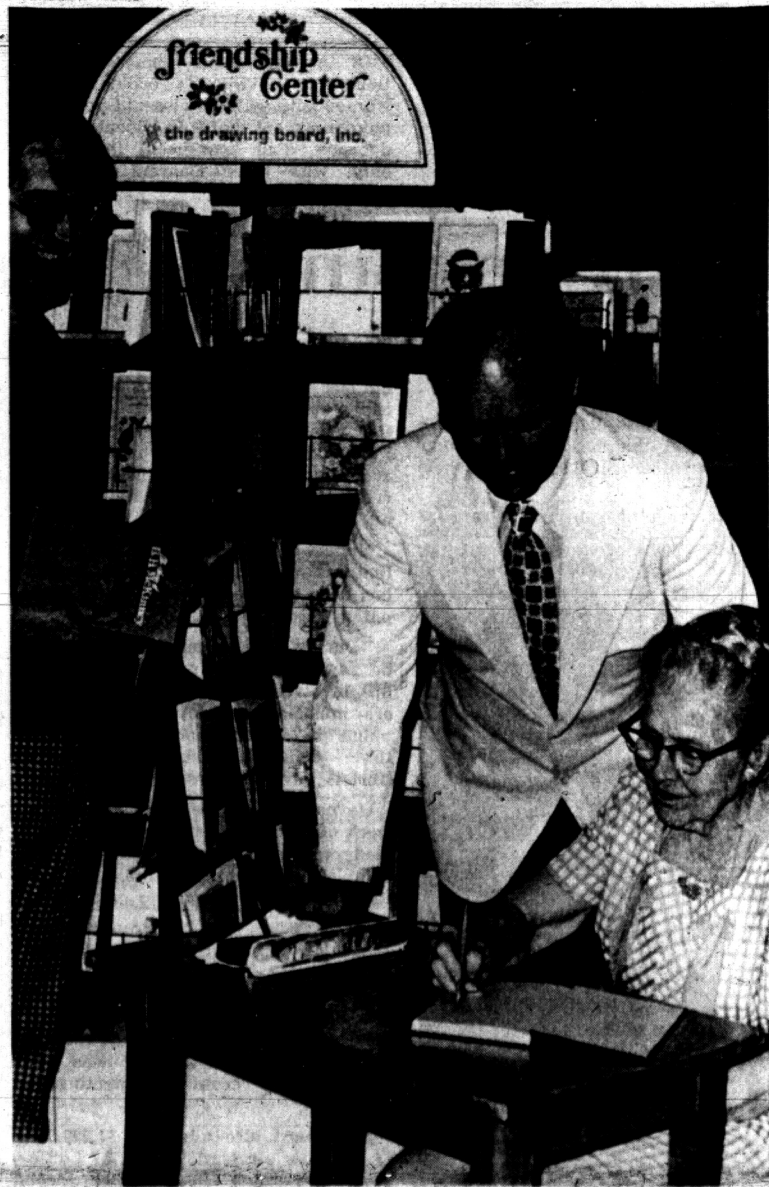
From one music editor in 1935 the church music department has grown to its present staff of 32.

Under McKinney's leadership the "Broadman Hymnal" was published "giving Southern Baptists a common hymnal that helped unify our singing," according to Reynolds.

"Every time we stand to sing the songs of B. B. McKinney" Reynolds said, "it is a continuing tribute to him."

Three of McKinney's songs, arranged by Bury Red, were presented by the conference choir. They were "Glorious Is Thy Name," "Satisfied With Jesus" and "Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me."

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Mrs. B. B. McKinney, widow of the late B. B. McKinney, for many years secretary of the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board autographs a book after a special service in which Dr. McKinney was honored at Ridgecrest Conference Center during Church Music Week.





Members of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Mississippi Child Care Center, along with Paul Nunery, superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village, are seen breaking ground for the new child care center in Tate County. From left: Rev. Anthony King, pastor First Church, Coldwater; Rev. Roy Myers, pastor

Mt. Zion Church, Independence; L. W. Turner, Senatobia layman, president of board; Mr. Nunery; Rev. T. M. Jennings, pastor Bett Church, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions of DeSoto County Association; also Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, speaker.

## Groundbreaking Services Conducted

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profit Mississippi corporation, organized to own the land, construct necessary buildings and other physical facilities and administer its ownership with the operators, the Baptist Children's Village.

The corporation is governed by officers and directors, including: L. W. Turner, Tate county businessman, president; Judge Leon Hennesford, Senatobia attorney, vice-president; Rev. T. M. Jennings, pastor of Bett Baptist Church, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions, DeSoto Baptist Association; Rev. Anthony King, pastor, First Baptist Church of Coldwater, and Rev. Roy Myers, pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Independence.

Directors, prominent pastors and laymen from 20 other northwest Mississippi counties will serve the corporation. The officers of Northwest Mississippi

Childcare Center have stated their interest in and commitment to an expansion of provisions for the best in Christian Childcare which is possible for boys and girls deprived of the love and care of natural parents.

Endorsing the philosophies and purposes of the Children's Village and desiring to avail itself of the services and staff experience already retained by the Village, the Center entered into successful negotiations with the Baptist Children's Village to become operators of "Farrow Manor."

According to the Village administration, operation of the facility, constructed and provided without cost to the Village, will become the sole responsibility of Village trustees, administration and staff which will retain exclusive authority and control over the operation.

The Baptist Children's Village is the largest child care agency in the state.

## The Convention President Speaks

My purpose in these words are not to glorify a man. I am not taking a side in regard to at least a somewhat controversial personality, but I am going to tell some events in the closing words that I trust will be a motivating factor.

For the first time, I, personally, discovered the word "serendipity" or the "serendipity." This is starting out to find one thing and finding another.

A number of years ago, Rev. Barney Walker, Jr., went to a boarding house here in Jackson and conducted a worship service. As a result of that service, a man by the name of Paul Williamson was converted. He later became a preacher and is now pastor of Richland Baptist Church just out of Jackson. One day Bro. Paul was preaching in Sweetwater, Alabama, and a man by the name of Bob Harrington was converted. Of course, you recognize that name as "The Chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans, Louisiana. On Sunday, June 23, the Chaplain spoke at Broadmoor Baptist Church and throughout the following week in the Mississippi Coliseum. He shared with us recently that he spoke to 40,000 people on television in one day.

Again I say, I recognize controversies around most any personality. Personally, I have enjoyed the Chaplain. He blessed me. I am telling this to encourage all of us to be more diligent in conducting services like Barney Walker did. We never know what will come out of it. — David Grant.

Man is incomprehensible without Nature, and Nature is incomprehensible apart from man. For the delicate loveliness of the flower is as much in the human eye as in its own fragile petals and the splendor of the heavens as much in the imagination that kindles at the touch of their glory as in the shining of countless worlds. — Hamilton Wright Mable.



Krege Foundation Awards Carey \$50,000. President J. Ralph Noonkester, second from right, of William Carey College shares his good news above concerning the completion funds granted the school by the Krege Foundation for the renovation of Tatum Court and the construction of the new Business Administration Building. The letter from Krege president, William H. Baldwin, is read above, from left, by: Carey vice-president, Dr. Hugh Dickens; 1973 Carey Board of Trustees Chairman, Wiley Fairchild; Dr. Noonkester; and 1973 Development Campaign chairman Paul McMullan.

## Editorials Measure Dallas SBC

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"Let's be honest, it wasn't a great convention," wrote Marse Grant of North Carolina's Biblical Recorder. "Some would even call it mediocre. No earthshaking decisions were made. The mood of America was reflected in convention discussions and since this mood is anything but stable at the moment, the convention came nearer to going backward at some points."

C. R. Daley of Kentucky's Western Recorder labeled it "a delightful and enjoyable experience" but one which "will not be regarded as an epochal meeting which gave new directions."

The convention's newly elected president, Jaroy Weber, a Lubbock, Tex., pastor, drew editorial comment on his ability to lead from eight of 23 state editors who have editorialized thus far on the convention.

Seven of the eight indicated Weber would serve well, most seeming to base opinions on his responses at his press conference after his election was announced. The eighth, Gene Puckett of the Maryland Baptist, adopted a wait and see attitude, with this explanation:

"Although his (Weber's) name had been mentioned several months ago as a possible candidate on the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship ticket, nothing was mentioned in recent weeks about his running," Puckett wrote. "In fact, he repeatedly said he would not permit his name to be put in nomination, especially by those identified with the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship."

"But under pressure, he yielded at the last minute and was nominated by Adrian Rogers, pastor in Memphis, Tenn., who recently was named to the board of directors of the Fellowship," Puckett said.

"In a press conference following his election," the Maryland editor continued, "Weber insisted he had never been affiliated with the Fellowship, but that he only had friends in the group as he did with other groups. He brushed aside the big play given him in the last issue of the Fellowship's publication."

"Weber says he deplores labels," Puckett said, "insisting they are always relative terms. He describes himself as a conservative, Bible-believing and preaching minister."

"The new president is to be commended for his statements in the press conference. Since they are now part of the public record, his performance will be judged by them, and the Fellowship stands in danger of being accused of misrepresenting the true situation. Weber's statements in the press conference suggest the Fellowship adopted him when he made no application. Time will be the revealer and judge of the entire situation," Puckett said.

Jack Harwell of Georgia's Christian Index wrote that he had not voted for Weber because of his endorsement prior to the convention by the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship but now believes that Weber "appears to be a Providential choice as our new leader."

Harwell elaborated: "In every public comment since his election, Dr. Weber has spoken out firmly for a middle of the road, sensible and balanced approach to every issue facing

Baptists," said Harwell, reflecting sentiments of editors who commented on Weber. "We believe he will maintain this level-headed approach throughout his presidency and will be a unifying force among diverse elements within the SBC."

### No Divisiveness Seen

As for divisiveness over theological controversies, which has been a convention hallmark of years gone by, the editors saw none in the convention proper. Harwell, however, noted that the "only really divisive notes we heard in Dallas were not sounded at the convention. They were made at the meeting of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, which scheduled its own meeting in Dallas during SBC week."

Harwell referred to comments at that meeting by William Powell of Atlanta, the Fellowship's president and editor of its publication, who charged that the rewritten Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary appeared to hold the same theological views as the first one and that Baptists should write the new author. Previous conventions ordered the original volume banned and rewritten by a different author.

At the Dallas meeting, Powell also struck out at the spring issue of Review and Expositor, theological journal of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Another editor, W. Ross Edwards of Missouri's Word and Way, in contrast to Harwell, said, "We are not aware of any divisive group seeking to bring pressure on the convention." Edwards spoke at the Fellowship's Dallas meeting, expressing his support of it.

Commenting editorially on reported SBC liberalism, Odle said, "Charges sometimes are made the convention is drifting toward liberalism, but there was no evidence of this in Dallas. Actually, the 1974 convention moved more to the right than to the left. Southern Baptists are not a creedal people, but there is enough unity in their beliefs concerning the great doctrinal truths which make them Baptists to find them together as a denomination." He denied any impending SBC split.

Harwell said debate "about freedom for women and SBC recognition of female ordination document anew that Baptists are ultra-conservative people. They can be swayed by a lot of emotion and oratory, but they can't be led to question or delete Biblical authority."

Daley saw messengers' actions as taking the correct course by "refusing to endorse the ultra-conservative view or the ultra-progressive view on theological and social issues. They espoused positions which should not alienate any Baptists but let all Baptists feel they can cooperate in a world wide missionary effort, though they are not agreed at every point," he said.

On the question of women's rights, which was most clearly identifiable as the main issue at the convention, 14 of 23 editors who have thus far editorialized mentioned the issue not at all or only in passing. That, of course, doesn't include a sampling of opinion they may have expressed on the issue prior to the convention or may yet express.

Of the remaining nine, two mentioned the debate on ordination of women only, with no clearcut personal opinion except that it is a local church decision; four mentioned the quota only, with three clearcut opinions;

and one dealt with both ordination and quota, with no clearcut opinion.

The consensus of those discussing the defeated proposal for one-fifth women on boards and agencies was that a quota was unwise but that women are considered important in places of SBC services.

"This doesn't mean the convention resents women on its boards — in fact, some already serve on such," said Robert Hastings of the Illinois Baptist. "These defeats simply mean if we start setting quotas for every special group, we will soon have a hedge podge."

### Proposal For Quota Defeated

"Although the proposal for a quota was defeated, its purpose was accomplished," said John Roberts of South Carolina's Baptist Courier. "More women will be elected to boards."

Roberts and Hastings joined some other editors in the same opinion of a defeat of a proposal for a quota of minority groups.

Cooper of the Florida Baptist Witness editorialized on the full question of how the convention dealt with women.

"Shades of Adam — the Southern Baptist Convention has been ribbed," his editorial began. "Mrs. Richard Sappington, the wife of a Houston, Texas, pastor, did it again." Cooper mentioned her success last year in Portland and discussed her efforts in Dallas.

The Christian Life Commission's statement "included a general statement reaffirming the Bible teaching that every individual is of infinite worth and that in Christ, there is neither male nor female..." and pledging to work to eliminate sexual discrimination. It also urged the rejection of "discrimination against women in job placement, by providing equal pay for equal work and by electing women to positions of leadership for which God's gift and the Holy Spirit's calling equip them." Cooper wrote.

Cooper noted that Mrs. Sappington took this to mean approval of ordination and successfully moved its tabling.

"Stick with it, CLC!" Cooper said. "One of these days we may vote to liberate something that needs liberating."

Grant took strong exception to publicity seekers at the SBC. "Chief among these in Dallas was the lady in white, Mrs. Richard Sappington... who is exploiting the current interest in women's causes. She enjoyed the spotlight so much in Portland last year that she was on stage again this time. It's sad that quotes from her dominated the news wires, giving a 'vastly distorted picture of the convention to the nation.' People will get sick of her and will turn her off when the saturation point is reached in their crusade, whatever that crusade is," Grant said.

Three editors — Alvin C. Shackelford of the Indiana Baptist, O. L. Bayless of the Rocky Mountain Baptist and Baggett in Alabama decried what they feel is cronyism in selection of members of SBC committees, board and agencies.

"Over the past 40 years," commented Bayless, "it is most interesting to see how a certain group of men through the SBC have been able to maintain board positions continuously."

Shackelford said, "This year's committee on boards has asked the SBC Executive Committee to study some aspects of these elections. This study could be expanded to the whole process." (BP)

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ber, in balancing and tempering idealism, must not succumb to secularism and must confront young people with 1. "the primacy of the personal;" 2. the importance of a moral purpose; 3. the reality of eternity and the hereafter; 4. The Christian view of sin; 5. the inevitability of creation and fall.

"When the personal is given its primacy," he elaborated, totalitarianism will not grow, individual worth prevails "and people's rights cannot be trampled on by the self-righteousness of those who are determined to manipulate them to their own ends."

As for moral purpose, he said, "A

strange sickness has attacked young and old alike," causing them to throw out moral standards because sinners can't live up to them.

Rutenber stressed that failure to grasp the Christian concept of eternity and the hereafter causes a person to be "so panic stricken that he thinks paradise must come within this earthly life (and) he is bound to take the recourse of coercion and violence to produce it."

"One of the things that a Christian understanding of man in his sin will do for us all, our students included, is to cure us of the dangerous delusion that sin is out there" in everyone "but in me" and that everyone is basically good, Rutenber said. "Christianity teaches us humility precisely because it gives us insight at this point."

"On the one hand there are those creative bursts which have marked over and over again man's pilgrim age in history. On the other hand, there has been the inevitable frustration and disappointment when the high hopes generated prove to be illusory and what started out so brightly turned sour to the taste," he continued.

"It is the story of our human condition and can be illustrated over and over again. We will not teach our young people anything about life unless we teach them that this is the law of history. Creation and fall go together."

## Church Music - - -

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Mrs. McKinney received a leather bound copy of "The Songs of B. B. McKinney," a collection of 137 songs with biographical information and pictures, and a copy of "Wherever He Leads," a record album of McKinney's songs sung by the Centurymen.

James W. Clark, director of the Sunday School Board's Broadman division, made the special presentation to Mrs. McKinney, with an inscription on the inside cover of the book from James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, reading: "To Mrs. McKinney, whose husband made my life infinitely richer and happier by his life and thoughts."

The service closed with the 2,500 member congregation and 250 voice choir singing "Have Faith in God," which is Mrs. McKinney's favorite song — written by B. B. McKinney.

## Witnessing Mission Set In Hong Kong

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James D. Belote, secretary for East Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, explained Taiwan and Korea were selected for the witnessing ventures because "openness and response characterize the work there and (because) I feel sure that witnessing opportunities in these two places will result in great fruitfulness."

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., secretary of the men's department of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he was seeking to interest Southern Baptist churches in helping lay persons from other countries to attend the conference through a scholarship program.

Several package tours have been arranged for United States laymen to attend the conference and touch down in several other Baptist mission spots in the Orient, Cooper said.

Witnessing information on special tours and costs are state department departments, the Southern Baptist Commission and the BWA men's department in Washington, Cooper said.

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years, from less than 365,000 members in 3,391 churches in 1963 to over 807,000 members in 6,807 churches in 1973.

The average overall growth rate for

all our work in 1973 was seven percent, about twice the world population growth rate," Underwood said. "The average for Eastern and Southern Africa last year was over 14 percent while for Southeast Asia it was an amazing 17.6 percent."

Underwood indicated that one of the factors contributing to the growth has been the special evangelistic campaigns.

"During the past ten year," he said, "the Foreign Mission Board has involved more than 1,200 preachers, musicians and laymen in 83 campaigns in which more than 312,000 first-time decisions (for Jesus Christ) have been recorded."

He pointed out the necessity of the work of missionaries and national leaders laboring through the years to establish churches that make it possible for such evangelistic campaigns to occur.

In other actions, the board approved final policies for the transfer of mission work in Panama from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board, effective Jan. 1, 1975. The transfer was approved at the recent SBC meeting in Dallas.

The board also allocated \$1,279,260 of last year's record \$22,232,757 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to meet needs in South America, West Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, East Asia and Southeast Asia, and for special projects in evangelism and church development around the world.

Appointed as missionaries were Mr.

and Mrs. Carroll H. Adams of Kentucky, to Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Bill) Beckham of Texas, to Thailand; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Blackmon of Louisiana, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. W. Burton Cook Jr. of Texas, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray Edwards of Georgia, to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer Fletcher Jr. of Virginia and Georgia, to Okinawa.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis G. Fulbright of North Carolina, to Zambia; Mr. and Mrs. David J. Jacobson of Colombia and Ohio, to Costa Rica; Dr. and Mrs. W. Tom Kent of Louisiana, to Panama; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. (Sandy) Kidd of Georgia, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. David M. McCormick of California, to Hong Kong.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Mike R. Norfleet of California and Texas, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Robuck of Texas, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Sanford of Florida and South Carolina, to Republic of Dahomey; and Mr. and Mrs. T. Brad Thompson of Texas and Tennessee, to Mexico.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. David W. Haney of Texas, to Indonesia, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Powers of Michigan and Tennessee, to Taiwan.

AMMAN, Jordan — The Jordan Baptist Convention held its annual "Pastor's and Worker's" Conference here recently with Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Boulos Haddad, pastor of Badaro Street Baptist Church in Beirut, as the main speakers.



# Court Okays Free Press, Speech

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Supreme Court ruled that newspapers are not obligated to print replies to editorials critical of political candidates and made easier a private individual's standing to sue for defamation of character in two decisions affecting freedom of speech and the press.

In the newspaper case, the high court held that the First Amendment's guarantee of a free press gives newspaper editors the right to criticize a political candidate editorially without printing his reply.

The case, *Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Tornillo*, involved a suit originally brought by a candidate for state office in Florida.

Pat Tornillo, a candidate for the state's house of representatives, was attacked in two editorials printed in the *Miami Herald*. Tornillo, taking advantage of a Florida "right of reply" law which had been invoked in only one other instance since its passage in 1913, claimed that the newspaper was legally bound to print his reply to the attacks. The newspaper refused.

When Tornillo first brought suit, a local circuit court declared the "right of reply" statute unconstitutional. The Florida Supreme Court reversed the lower court. The *Miami Herald* then brought the case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The high court's unanimous decision, written by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, declared that the editorial role of newspapers is necessary in a free society, because a "newspaper is more than a passive receptacle or conduit for news, comment and advertising."

Although such an interpretation of the freedom of the press runs the risk of some newspapers being irresponsible, the court stated, it is a risk which must be taken. "A responsible press is an undoubtedly desirable goal," the opinion declared, "but press responsibility is not mandated by the Constitution and like many other virtues it cannot be legislated."

In a concurring opinion, Justice Byron R. White underscored Burger's concern for a free press unencumbered by right of reply laws by stating: "Any other accommodation — any other system that would supplant private control of the press with the heavy hand of government intrusion — would make the government the censor of what the people may read and know."

The libel case, *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.*, had to do with the media's immunity from libel in instances when a private citizen sues for defamation of character. Under guidelines in libel cases over the past ten years, the Supreme Court had maintained that a public official or a public figure may not sue for libel.

The new ruling states that a private citizen, not in the limelight of public prominence, may sue for defamation of character. One of the reasons given by the court for distinguishing between public and private is that "Public officials and public figures usually enjoy significantly greater access to the channels of effective communication and hence have a more realistic opportunity to counteract false statements than private individuals normally enjoy."

The case involved an attorney in Chicago who represented the family

of a young man in a civil suit against a policeman convicted of murdering the son. An article subsequently appeared in the magazine *American Opinion*, an organ of the John Birch Society, accusing the attorney of "framing" the policeman as part of a communist conspiracy against policemen. The article further alleged that the attorney had a criminal record and labeled him a "communist-frontier."

After the attorney filed suit against the magazine, a local jury awarded him \$50,000 in damages. The magazine then appealed before a U. S. district court, where the jury's decision was reversed. The U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the district court's decision, thereby setting the stage for a final decision by the Supreme Court.

Although the high court ruled for the attorney, and thus for a private citizen's right to sue for libel, it went on to say that recovery for damages can be allowed only when a citizen proves that what was printed against him was based on "falsity or reckless disregard for the truth."

The 5-4 decision was another in a long series of actions by the high court to hammer out libel laws. Justice White, in a lengthy dissent, held that the court did not go far enough in protecting the right of individuals to bring libel suits.

At the other end of the spectrum, Justice William O. Douglas repeated his belief that the First Amendment bars Congress from passing any libel law. Chief Justice Burger and Justice William J. Brennan Jr. also dissented.



Graham's 'Canvas Cathedral' In Los Angeles in 1949

LOS ANGELES — Crowds gather outside a huge "canvas cathedral" set up at Washington and Hill Streets in Los Angeles for the 1949 crusade which gave evangelist Billy Graham his first major "break." With heavy support from the press, the then relatively unknown Southern Baptist evangelist drew crowds of

6,000 to the tent crusade. Media attention to the evangelist spread and Mr. Graham soon achieved national and world recognition. This September, Mr. Graham will hold an anniversary celebration at the Hollywood Bowl to commemorate that tent crusade of 25 years ago. — (RNS Photo.)

## Dr. Stevens, MC Prof, Writes A Guide For Old Testament Study

"A Guide for Old Testament Study," a Bible-centered history of the Hebrew people enriched by material from ancient documents, has been released, according to author Dr. William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College.

Dr. Stevens, author of two other books already being used around the country, said that the newest book is published by Broadman Press and is available to the public through Baptist Book Stores and other outlets throughout the country.

Written primarily as a textbook, Dr. Stevens' writing will help any Bible student to gather up the diverse books

of the Old Testament into a single, understandable, and dynamic narrative.

Preliminary information on the book went out all over the country and already Dr. Stevens has heard from 178 schools who are interested in using it in their programs.

"The book has been written as a guide for both teachers and pupils who want information and knowledge fast," claimed Dr. Stevens, "and we think it will be an excellent resource for church libraries as well."

Dr. Stevens is well qualified to write a textbook for Bible classes. He is a graduate of Marshall University and the Southern Seminary and became associated with the Mississippi College Department of Bible in 1955. He now serves as chairman of the Division of Religion at the college.

An ordained minister, he served as a Navy Chaplain from 1944-46 and pastored various churches before concentrating on a teaching-writing career.

The author of "That Ye May Believe," published in 1959, and "Doctrines of the Christian Religion," released in 1967, Dr. Stevens is already working on two other books.

Dr. Stevens is married to the former Dorothy Powell and they are parents of three sons, Dr. William W. Stevens, III, of Mayo Clinic, and David and John, both of Clinton. Mrs. Stevens teaches Bible at Woodland Hills Baptist Academy in Jackson.



Dr. William W. Stevens (left), presents the first copy of his new book to Dr. Lewis Nobles.

## Sunday School Board Seeks Rehearing Of Tax Case

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has filed with the Tennessee Supreme Court here a petition for rehearing of the property tax case on which a decision was issued June 17 by the court.

The petition, according to Board president James L. Sullivan, is "for the purpose of clarifying some of the uncertain and confusing areas of the decision."

The board is asking the court to reconsider and clarify or correct: the formula to be used in determining the tax liability; the categorization of materials distributed by the Board as to "general religious" or "denominational" or "secular"; the constitutionality of the approach taken by the court in terminating non-exempt those areas serving religious rather than a denominational purposes, and the further legal procedures to be followed.

In its petition, the Board outlined areas of uncertainty which resulted from the hearing of the case of the United Methodist Publishing House along with that of the Sunday School Board. Two examples are the fact that the Methodist house does printing, while the Baptist board does not; and the Methodist book stores are general interest book stores, while Baptist Book Stores specialize in materials religious in nature.

The state Supreme Court ruling, issued June 19, held that publishing and printing of materials for distribution to members of the parent de-

nomination or those to be used in specific programs of the parent denominational organization are uses of property which are exempt.

Publishing and printing of books for the general public, according to the decision, even though the subject matter of such books is religious, was held not to be a use of property which is exempt.

In the 3-2 opinion, the majority cited some areas of the board's work which are clearly exempt from property tax, some which are clearly not exempt, and set forth a general formula for determining tax liability on areas which are not clearly in either category. This formula is one of the items about which the Sunday School Board is seeking clarification.

In 1969, the metropolitan Nashville tax assessor placed a new assessment on Sunday School Board Nashville property. A similar assessment was made against the United Methodist Publishing House.

The case was appealed to the state Supreme Court after the matter was not satisfactorily and clearly decided by the metropolitan and state boards of equalization and the Chancery Court and state Court of Appeals. Rulings of the lower bodies were appealed by both the publishing houses and the metropolitan assessor because of lack of clarity.

And clarity, according to the petition now filed by the Sunday School Board, is still clearly lacking.

## A Salute To Woman's Missionary Union

By Barbara Taylor

Upon a day in 1948, Miss Alma Hunt was elected to serve as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Because this significant event took place prior to my birth, I cannot say that it had an immediate effect upon my life; however, in the years that followed, I know that her leadership and influence were valuable in my Christian growth.

As a very young child, the importance of missions was impressed upon me in the organization known as Sunbeams, one of the missions organizations under the direction of Woman's Missionary Union. Even though I was not aware of the influence at that time, the information which I received was becoming a lasting part of my life.

From Sunbeams to GAs I moved — and it was then for the first time that I was aware of Miss Alma Hunt. As I eagerly completed requirements to receive recognition in the Forward Steps program of Girls' Auxiliary, one bit of information that I learned was that Miss Alma Hunt was serving as executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. I knew that she had a job of great importance — directing the WMU work "for the whole Southern Baptist Convention." My dedicated leaders helped me to understand better just what it was that Miss Hunt did as we learned the names of our Southern Baptist Convention leaders. As a young girl, it seemed impossible that I would ever really know these people whose names I learned.

My interest in missions grew as I continued in the program of GAs and later moved one step further into the Young Woman's Auxiliary organization, of which my mother was the leader. As we studied about missions, missionaries, needs around the world and at home, my interest in people grew.

After graduating from high school, I continued my education at Mississippi College. It was the spring before my graduation — I was considering job openings, trying to decide which job would be the one for me — when I learned of an opening in the Woman's Missionary Union department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. I made arrangements for an interview with people whose names I had also learned during my early GA years — Miss Edwina Robinson and Miss Marjean Patterson, both leaders in Mississippi WMU. After talking with these two women, my decision was made — this was the place where I was to work. The possibility of actually working with them was exciting indeed!

When I learned this year that it would be possible for me to attend the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, June 9-10, it was really a dream come true — for there would be many of the ladies whose influences had left impressions on my life from early childhood. It seemed very appropriate that the first person I should see as we entered the hotel lobby in Dallas on Saturday afternoon, June 8, was Miss Alma Hunt!

As I spoke to Miss Hunt then, and later during the meeting as I had an opportunity to talk with her for a moment, I told her how excited I was to be able to be present for the Annual Meeting. And as I was standing there with this lady of great dedication she looked at me and said, "Oh, it's a great work you're coming into."

As I continue to serve with Mississippi WMU, and as I continue to lead GAs in my church, my vision has been broadened because of such contacts as the one with Miss Hunt. It truly is a great work — this work of Woman's Missionary Union. As Miss Alma Hunt retires this year from the position of executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, I salute her and say a very sincere "thank you" for what she has meant to my life through the programs of Woman's Missionary Union.

## "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator" For Adults Coming October 1

NASHVILLE — A new quarterly magazine for adult Sunday School class members, "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator," has been developed in response to continuing requests

from churches for more in-depth treatment of background material and factual biblical information.

"Illustrator," available Oct. 1, is the result of a new idea which is the first in the field of Sunday School literature for any denomination.

Approximately half of this 80-page magazine is photographs and art, with accompanying articles written in a style similar to that used by "National Geographic Magazine." Feature articles are based on sound scholarly research but are written in the popular language of the layman.

Articles in the "Illustrator" develop subjects drawn directly from the printed Scripture passages used in Convention Uniform quarterlies. The focus is on people, places and events.

The first issue — Fall 1974 — contains articles such as: "The Fullness of Time," "John the Baptist," "Jewish Marriage Customs," "The Ark of the Covenant," "The Chosen People of God," and "Medical Practices in New Testament Times."

Each summer issue will contain an index of articles for that year. Permanent binders will be available at Baptist Book Stores so copies may be preserved to develop one's own Bible study resource. Each binder holds a twelve issues. Each twelfth issue has a cumulative index for all twelve copies.

Persons interested in serious Bible study should find this supplementary magazine stimulating and informative.

The "Illustrator," item No. 1105, on the Church Literature Order Form, is prepared by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



What is an angel? (p.23)  
Marriage customs for Joseph and Mary (p.71)  
First-century medicine (p.74)

## Blue Mountain Registration For Summer Term

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — Blue Mountain College announces that Registration for the second term of the current Summer Session will be held on July 9 in the Office of the Registrar. The second term will close on August 10. One special course in Science will be offered for the second term that was not listed and taught during the first term. That course, SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGY, is to be instructed and directed by Dr. Leslie Knight, Head of the Department of Science at Blue Mountain College. From one to four semester hours credit will be earned for this course, according to arrangements made by and with Dr. Knight.

Residence Halls on the campus will open for the 102nd annual session on August 25, as Blue Mountain College launches its first regular academic year of the Second Century in its history. Special arrangements for on-campus students can be made even at this time, if applications for enrollment are sent to the Director of Admissions, Box 338, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss. 38001.

## "The King Is Coming" To Be Presented At Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale

Rev. Sonny Adkins, pastor of Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale has invited Pascagoula's Calvary Church to present their original dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" at Rocky Creek Church for the second time on July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

"The King Is Coming," a drama with a powerful spiritual impact, deals with the latter days and the second coming of Christ. Mrs. Laurie Burke, a member of the Sanctuary Choir, is author of the script, and Mrs. Byron Mathis, Sanctuary Choir director, and pastor's wife, set the script to music and drama.

This will be the 34th time this drama has been produced in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. It has

been presented in First Church, New Orleans as well as Rocky Creek Church a few months ago. Rocky Creek is the largest rural Baptist church in Mississippi and a capacity crowd of around one thousand attended.

Youth evangelist, Buddy Mathis, serves as character narrator, and Rev. James Miller, associate pastor at Calvary is sermon narrator.

An invitation is given at the close of each production and scores of decisions have been registered as a result.

Mr. Adkins and Rocky Creek extend an invitation to the public to attend this performance. The church is located on the Rocky Creek Road in Rocky Creek community, Lucedale.



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## EDITORIAL

### Guest Editorial

## Southern Baptist Growth

by W. L. Bennett

Southern Baptists are the only major denomination in the world showing any great signs of growth and vitality. Other major denominations are on the decline and are having to make drastic cut-backs in their budgets and programs.

What is the reason for Southern Baptists continued growth while other major denominations are on the decline? It is dangerous to generalize about the work of 34,000 churches and more than 12,000,000 members. But I have some convictions after being a Southern Baptist pastor for more than 20 years in 4 states and 5 churches. Herewith would be my answer in seven brief statements:

1. Southern Baptists continue to grow because the vast majority believe the Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God. The message Southern Baptists proclaim is a "thus saith the Lord" from the Bible.

2. Southern Baptists continue to grow because they believe all men without Christ are lost in the now and are destined to spend eternity in hell hereafter unless they turn to Christ. Southern Baptists, therefore, seek to win men to saving faith in Jesus Christ. They believe soulwinning is their major business.

3. Southern Baptists continue to grow because they are making their worship services more and more relaxed and free in spirit. In churches where an "Amen" would have been outlawed several years ago, people are now openly praising God in music and other forms and enjoying it to the full.

5. Southern Baptists continue to grow

because they believe the work of God is centered in local churches, not in some ecumenical organization or extra-church group. Southern Baptists not only seek to win men to Christ, but also to baptize them and enlist them in the work of New Testament churches in accord with the total claims of the Great Commission.

6. Southern Baptists continue to grow because they place upon the laymen the responsibility of presenting the gospel, sharing their faith, and winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

7. Southern Baptists continue to grow because they have founded their local church programs on four great New Testament emphases: Evangelism (local and home), world missions, stewardship, and Christian education.

I predict that if Southern Baptists ever renounce the positions above they are finished.

—Lifeline, FBC, Ft. Smith, Ark.

## Dr. Criswell's Salary

Much publicity has been given to the recent announcement by Dr. W. A. Criswell, that he planned to return to First Baptist Church, Dallas, before he died or through his estate, the entire salary which the church had paid him through his ministry, a sum which was estimated as \$600,000.

Dr. Criswell was quoted as saying that he always had wanted to preach without pay, and that now he was able to return the compensation he had received.

We should like to make several comments concerning this:

1. In the first place knowing Dr. Criswell, we feel confident that he had no intention of leaving the impression which came out in the story which was told concerning the announcement. This does not mean that Dr. Criswell does not plan to return the money, for I am sure that he will do that. What is not correct is the concept that preachers should preach without pay. Dr. Criswell does not believe this and does not teach it, for he is a Bible believing, Bible preaching leader.

2. Dr. Criswell is able to do what only one preacher in a hundred thousand, or maybe a million, could do; that is, return his salary. Very few men ever are fortunate enough to make such good investments, or to have friends who helped with investments, or have many books with their royalties, or many revivals and speaking engagements with unusual honorariums, such as Dr. Criswell has had. Whereas the Lord has prospered him beyond measure, most preachers, have little more than enough to maintain their homes and their families. We can thank God that he has especially blessed Dr. Criswell. No man is more worthy. However,

such blessing has come to few men, even men with equal dedication and service to the Lord.

3. Dr. Criswell is going far beyond what the Lord requires of him. The Bible clearly teaches that the workman is worthy of his hire, and that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. That statement "should live of" simply means that they should be supported by the gospel. In other words, as a man preaches to congregations, those congregations are under obligation from God to support him. The church which fails to adequately provide for those who serve on its staff, are disobeying the Lord. The preacher should be a tither, and should give beyond that as he is able, (and most preachers we know do give beyond the tithing), but he is not under any obligation or call from God to preach without support, or to work with his own hands in order to preach. He may do that, but God does not require it. God does require his churches to support his preachers.

4. The devil may use this news report to lead some churches to feel that their pastors should follow Dr. Criswell's example. If they do, this will be in error, for God does not require it. In most cases, or at least in many, the income has not even been adequate, and some churches should compensate those who have served them for what they failed to pay in the past.

5. We can rejoice that Dr. Criswell is able to do this most generous and wonderful thing. At the same time, let us not read into his statement something which he did not say, and which he did not mean, namely, that other preachers should seek to do the same thing.

## Bible School Or Conference

It is too late for it to be planned for this summer, but I should like to see plans made for a Summer Bible School, or a Summer Bible Conference, to be held in Mississippi in 1975 or in the following year. It would be well for such to become an annual event. Of course, when Gulfshore is restored, the Bible conferences which were an annual event there, can be resumed, but such conferences are needed now, and should not have to wait until the new assembly program is under way.

We mention "school" or "conference" because the proposal takes both forms. Some states have an annual Bible Conference; others have an annual "Preacher's School" which actually is a short Bible School.

Up in Tennessee the "West Tennessee Summer Preachers' School" is in session this week at Union University. A prominent Mississippi pastor, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo, is one of the faculty. The week includes classes and conferences taught by several visiting teachers. We are informed that a large number of preachers and their wives attend each year.

The Baptist weekly from another state announces a summer Bible Conference there. Several announcements come to us of Bible Conferences or Preachers' schools promoted by some of the independent churches.

We fully recognize how busy our pastors are, but we do not know of any richer means of relaxing and finding spiritual refreshment for the preacher than a good Bible conference or preachers' school. Mississippi needs one.

We hope that some agency or institution will take the lead in planning and promoting such a program for next summer.

## HABAKKUK 2:20

The LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

### Pause That Would Do Us Good

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Has Read Baptist Record 58 Years

Dear Dr. Odle:

This is to let you know how much I enjoyed reading your editorial article in this week's Baptist Record about the Southern Baptist Convention. I recently read a book you wrote. I enjoyed that, too.

I first subscribed for The Baptist Record in 1910. Have read it 58 years. You are the 4th editor under whom I have read the Record. Doctor P. I. Lipsey was the first.

As long as my health permitted I attended the State Baptist Convention. The first time I attended it met here in Grenada. Several years later it met in Water Valley. I attended there one day. Many times I have attended the convention in Jackson. I always enjoyed attending.

I enjoy reading your editorials every week.

Thank you for the service you are rendering to Mississippi and Southern Baptist Conventions.

R. G. McCorkle  
North Mississippi Retirement Home  
Grenada, Miss.

### New Ebenezer Sends Thanks For Hymnals

Dear Christian Friends:

The pastor, officers, and congregation of the New Ebenezer Baptist Church would like to express to you our deep appreciation and sincere thanks, also to the countless people who made it possible to receive the hymnals for our church.

Especially, Dr. Dick Brogan who made the presentation, and the inspiring message that was enjoyed by all.

We pray God's richest blessing upon each of you, for exemplifying such Christian fellowship.

Rev. C. E. Lewis, Pastor  
New Ebenezer Baptist Church  
900 East 8th St.  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

NOTE: The above letter was received after Dick Brogan, Director of Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists, made a presentation of 75 new Broadman hymnals to the New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. This church lost a majority of its hymn books during the spring flood.

### Write To Congress On Tax Deductions, Medicine For Missions

Dear Editor:

In 1973 hospitals and other medical work overseas related to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board took care of over 1.3 million patients. Much of this was made possible through the generosity of Southern Baptists as they have supported our medical missions enterprise.

In past years, however, hundreds of thousands of dollars in medication have been donated to our work through various agencies by large drug companies in the USA. This, of course, has cut down on the expenses of our medical missions undertaking and helped medical missionaries to serve many more people.

In 1969, Congress dealt a crippling blow to these health care programs by amending the Internal Revenue Code so that it restricted allowable tax deduction for material aid by corporations to the actual cost of production. To donate sizable amounts of inventory would thus cost the companies additional cash losses, which is contrary to good business practices, therefore, this source of help is greatly reduced.

Since 1971, a legislative drive has been undertaken by Congressman Hugh Carey (Democrat, N. Y.) and Congressman Barber Conable (Republican, N. Y.) to ensure the step-up flow of supplies via these donations. Under House Bill H. R. 2808 and H. R. 5461 it is proposed to grant a tax deduction up to 50% of the appreciated value plus the cost of production. This bill contains ade-



### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilde Fancher

Do you remember when you were little and wanted to jump a mud puddle or a ditch or some other wide place but thought that both your legs and your nerve were too short for you to make it safely?

Then do you remember the offer of a helping hand — not one to pick you up and place you on the other side as you would really rather, but one to hold on to you as you got yourself across with some help?

Remember the hesitancy in your mind and the fear in your heart while you stood trying to decide whether to trust the one who offered the help? And the deep breath as you revved-up your mental motors? And the holding of your breath as you got a running start (maybe two or three running starts, even)? And when you finally knew you really would jump this time, closing your eyes tight, as if not seeing yourself miss it, would keep you from missing it? Then that feeling of finally settling over you when you sure-enough jumped? Finally, blessedly, the relief when you were firmly standing on the other side, looking back and excitedly telling yourself you jumped it, after all? Then a look at the person to whose hand you were still holding to express thanks for the help?

Adult life has a few wide mud puddles and ditches, doesn't it? Sometimes I feel all the way through an experience with God the same way I felt when I was a tiny little girl, from the lack of self-confidence, to the faltering trust, to the accomplishment.

One of the things I'm grateful to have kept with me during adulthood is a childlike faith. — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

quate limitations to ensure protection of tax revenues and promises a potential increase of approximately \$30 million worth of supplies for sick and suffering people all over the world.

My request is that you encourage your readers to write a letter to their Congressman and to Chairman, The Honorable Wilbur Mills, House Ways and Means Committee, urging support of H. R. 2808 and H. R. 5461.

Making available these medications to our medical missionaries around the world will help them carry out the mandate that Southern Baptists have given them to go into the world and show God's love through the relief of suffering and to preach the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Franklin T. Fowler, M.D.  
Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.  
Box 6597  
Richmond, Va.

### On The MORAL SCENE...

Twenty Years After Brown — "Twenty years since Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka was decided, . . . the schools of the South . . . are . . . much more desegregated than those in the rest of the nation. In the eleven Deep South states, 46% of black children attend schools that have a majority of white students — compared with 28% in the North and West." — Newsweek, May 20, 1974

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**VANYA** by Myra Grant (Creation House, 226 pp., \$4.95) Vanya, a Christian, was drafted 3 1/2 years ago into the Red army. Convinced that he should not try to hide his faith, he spoke openly about Jesus Christ in the barracks, with officers, whenever he had opportunity. Almost immediately he came under military pressure to abandon his "myths." Over the next 18 months he endured ever-escalating discipline and torture. Finally, after he ignored several deadlines to change, his commanding officer and others took him into a soundproof room and bludgeoned him to death. His Christian parents — humble farmers in a remote corner of the nation called Moldavia — were sent a telegram stating that their son had accidentally drowned. But when the casket was brought to their village three days later, they demanded that it be opened. Inside they found the mutilated body. The book is in two parts. Part 1 is a moving dramatization of Ivan's stint in the army, complete with the miracles which sustained him. Part 2 presents the documents of his life.

**FORGIVENESS IN ACTION** by Helen Koeliman (Hawthorn Books, \$5.95, 144 pp.) This book is based on real-life experiences concerning forgiveness in action. The inability to forgive can cause divorce, alienation from parent, mental distress, and, in extreme cases, even death. The author stresses the importance of forgiveness in action in our involvements with people. She says we must consciously strive to exercise compassion, understanding, and charity in our contacts with others.

**NEW LIFE, NEW LIFESTYLE** by Michael Green (Hester-Varsky Press, paper, 159 pp., \$1.50) Mr. Green, principal of St. John's College in Nottingham, England, has written

this book to help satisfy the longing of new believers to know and love and obey God more fully.

**LETTERS TO TERESA** by Samuel Fisk (Biblical Evangelism Press, Brownsburg, Ind., 91 pp., paper, \$1.95) These letters grew out of actual correspondence with one who seriously contemplated going into the Roman Catholic Church.

**LIFE HAS MEANING** edited by Louise Herron Bailey (Judson, 80 pp., \$1.95) John William Bailey was an American Baptist theological professor who died in 1969 at the age of 95. In this book his widow has collected some of his thinking and prayers.

**BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES** — Youth Grades 7 to 12 by Bobbie Reed and Rex Johnson (Regal, 155 pp., paper, \$2.95) A guidance manual for learning plans and methods for teaching teenagers.

**THE LAST CHAPTER** by A. W. Rasmussen (Whitaker House, paper, 285 pp., \$1.25) An autobiographical type testimony of how the Holy Spirit changed a man's life. Supernatural experiences, visions, miracles, are reported.

**CREATIVE FINGERFUN** compiled by Margaret M. Self (Regal, paper, 122 pp., \$1.25) Eighty-five Bible story action rhymes for little children.

**WE CARE COOKBOOK** by Robert D. Reed and Kathy S. Reed (B & S Research Associates, 4843 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif., paper, 80 pp., \$3) A refreshing and delightful collection of recipes from the early 1800's to the early 1900's, this new cookbook will add a bit of nostalgia to your cooking. It has been published for the benefit of CARE and with its approval. For each copy

sold at \$3, the publishers state that CARE will receive enough to feed 300 children. The cookbook can be bought by sending \$3 plus 30 cents for postage to WE CARE COOKBOOK, Saratoga, Calif. 95070.

**HARMONY OF TRUTH** by Bernard N. Morris (The Baptist Press, Pine City, New York, paper) A New York pastor and former Navy chaplain presents selections from his own writings collected over many years. He includes poems, thoughts, devotional messages, and short sermons. Concerning the title, he says, "God is the center of all true harmony and every truth."

**HARMONY OF SERMONS** by Bernard N. Morris (Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., \$3.95, \$1 pp.) This is an interesting collection of sermons which concern contemporary living and are applicable to "the real fabric" of life. The author is pastor of the Baptist church in Pine City, New York.

**1974 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES GUIDE** compiled and edited by John A. Ishee (Convention Press, 157 pp.) The purpose of this looseleaf material is to list and describe a number of suggested activities that might be included in a church's summer youth program. Detailed instructions are given for planning and carrying out the varied activities.

**YOUTH WORKER'S GUIDE FOR A SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM, 1974** by Man O. Essel (Convention Press, 89 looseleaf pages) This guide gives the youth worker specific information and administrative procedures to help him plan with the pastor, youth leaders, and youth of the church in directing a special program of activities for youth during the summertime.



# SBC's TV Magnification System Draws Praise

By Bonita Sparrow  
DALLAS (BP) — Events at the Southern Baptist Convention here went off like a television production.

Because that's the way it was handled for the 18,000-plus messengers who crowded into the huge Dallas Convention Center auditorium.

A giant television magnification system provided at each end of the meeting room, authorized by the SBC Executive Committee, meant that everyone could see — at the same time, for the first time — speakers and program personalities. They loomed larger than life on two 24x32 foot screens placed at either end of the hall.

To many of the messengers, sitting on the back rows of the either side of the auditorium (two football fields long), the speaker's platform was a minuscule stage. But with the color television projection, they could actually count the pots of yellow chrysanthemums outlining the stand.

The closed circuit television system was extended next door to the Dallas Memorial Auditorium to accommodate the overflow crowd on the closing night when Billy Graham spoke.

W. C. Woody of TimeRite, a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, was in charge of the television operations — which went so well that praise is still being heard by the Radio-TV Commission.

"I'm convinced that we should never be without the use of television during convention again," said James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Harris, the convention's immediate past first vice-president, said he sat on the stage during most of the sessions "but even then I found myself watching the television monitor much of the time."

"Even if we are in a commodious auditorium, our convention has grown so large that it is impossible for the speakers to be personal," he said. "I heard many, many complimentary words about the television facilities during the convention, and it is my

hope that we are making arrangements to continue it every year."

"Nobody had to worry about getting here early to get a good seat — and every seat was a good one," said Mrs. Tom Brandon of Sherman, Tex.

Her husband, pastor of Sherman's First Baptist Church, felt being able to see the speakers on the wide screen "made the convention more meaningful. It also made it possible for us to recognize convention leaders when we met them in the halls because, for the first time, we know what many of them look like."

"It was good to be able to see who I was listening to," said Mrs. Arlie E. Spalding of Lafayette, Tenn.

James Terpo of Bessemer, Ala., noted that in previous conventions, "the speakers have been lost in the crowd. Here everyone is before the messengers and there's no problem of seeing or hearing."

He said the huge magnification system also "made a big difference in congregational singing because everyone could see and hear the music leaders."

One-third of the payment of costs for the image magnification system came from the convention budget. The balance came from SBC agencies and offerings at the convention.

The contract for the system was with TNT Communications, Inc., of New York, which has provided similar facilities for recent national political conventions and other large meetings.

Taft Broadcasting Corporation of Houston provided additional equipment, including three color cameras, switching equipment, video recorders and monitors free of charge.

The equipment allowed some special effects to be used in flashing images on the screen. A character generator (writing device) flashed speakers' names and titles on the screen, as well as the words to songs, ballots and resolutions.

And the character generator also was utilized to flash emergency messages asking persons hidden in the sea of faces to check with the information desk in the lobby.

"I don't see how we can ever have another convention without the television facilities," concluded Harris.



Rudy Lawrence, executor of the Estate of Mrs. Ruth Shepherd, deceased, presents \$3,000 check to Rev. Dewitt Mitchell, left, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church.

## \$6,000 Given To Two Churches

The late Mrs. J. Frank (Ruth) Shepherd, 52, formerly of 226 Lindsey Drive, Jackson, devised under the terms of her will \$3,000 to the West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, and \$3,000 to the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Southaven.

Mrs. Shepherd made her home in Jackson and attended West Jackson Baptist Church until 1966 when she and her husband moved to Southaven where she was baptized into the fellowship of Colonial Hills Church. Her husband passed away in 1969 and Mrs. Shepherd returned to Jackson

in 1971 and united with the West Jackson Church.

The membership of West Jackson Baptist Church voted unanimously to purchase a steeple with its \$3,000 and to place a plaque in the vestibule stating that the steeple was erected in Mrs. Shepherd's honor.

Prior to her death, Mrs. Shepherd donated \$2,000 to the Colonial Hills Church which was applied to ward the purchase of an organ for the church. Rev. Jack Nazary, formerly pastor of the West Jackson church, is pastor of Colonial Hills Baptist Church.

# New York Church Is Landlord To 37 "Upstairs Tenants"

By Tim Nicholas  
BROOKLYN, N. Y. (BP) — If a tenant in a certain apartment building in Brooklyn, New York, has a complaint about the noise downstairs on Sunday mornings, the landlord will probably encourage him to take part in the action.

The landlord is Atonement Baptist Church and the "action" is worship — preaching and singing — conducted there every Sunday morning.

Atonement Baptist Church occupies the lower floor of the apartment building. It is the landlord for 37 tenants who live in the red brick structure in a West Indian section of the city.

The church is the embodiment of pastor Rodolph Morgan's concept of ministry. "I felt we must approach ministry from the standpoint of the needs of the people," says the 37-year-old former Southern Baptist missionary to Panama.

Morgan believes that Atonement Church may hold a key to inner city churches becoming self-sustaining. "The old custom of acquiring a church-type building strangles the people. Their time and money is spent struggling with the mortgage."

"This building helps people get a place to live while the rent helps pay the utilities and mortgage," says Morgan. "The rent money stays in the community."

Morgan was interviewed a few weeks before Atonement Church would be forced to leave rented facilities. Amid the rubble of what had been seven small stores was the future sanctuary on the ground floor of the church's new home. Morgan, with mortar drying on his hands, sat in the dust in his work clothes to propound his philosophy of practicality.

Atonement church began as a Bible study in Morgan's home in Brooklyn four years ago and grew into an active membership of about 100 persons who needed permanent facilities. They had been meeting in a rented dance hall before moving to the apartment building.

"Now if we need the use of a kitchen, one of our members lives upstairs and has opened her apartment for our use," said Morgan. "If our Sunday School overflows, we have several members upstairs in whose apartments we can meet."

Morgan worked from scratch tearing out walls and refurbishing the ground into a church facility. "I had never even seen a blueprint before," he said, "but I've made myself learn."

As rent collector, Morgan is only a box number. "That makes me personally seem less alien," he said. When one family of eight was crowded into a single apartment, Morgan himself knocked a door between two apartments and gave the family a double space.

For now the money for the operation comes from several sources. Morgan's salary is paid in part by the church, the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, and by a Baptist Home Mission Board subsidy.

Morgan is secretary of the organization that pulled together the initial monies for the building. Total Operations for Neighborhood Environment, Inc. (TONE) is an activist group of Baptists who want to solve some of the problems of the inner city housing.

Atonement is the second try for TONE. The first building bought by TONE is now in the hands of another group of Christians better able to handle financial operations of a large (53 units) apartment building, and well-versed in dealing with government agencies.

But the money for Atonement's building didn't come totally from TONE. It came from such churches as Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., and from interested persons such as R. Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex. Guy always manages to call him on the phone with good news every time Morgan is ready to give up, the Brooklyn minister said.

He believes that after initial invest-

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# Court Upholds Student Use Of Flag For Peace

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court here upheld the right of free speech in a case that involved a state law regulating the display of the United States flag.

In a 6-3 decision the Supreme Court reversed a Washington State Supreme Court ruling that upheld the conviction of a college student who displayed the United States flag upside down with a large peace symbol attached to both sides.

In reversing the Washington court, the U. S. Supreme Court declared that the case was not decided on the charge of desecration of the flag or the improper use of the flag. Rather, the court said that it was confronted "with a case of prosecution for the expression of an idea through activity."

The case arose in 1970 during the national unrest related to the invasion of Cambodia by the United States and the killings of students on the Kent State University campus in Ohio.

A college student by the name of Harold Omand Spence hung his United States flag from the window of his apartment on private property in Seattle, Wash. Attached to the flag on both sides was the peace symbol (a circle enclosing a trident) made of removable black tape.

Spence was arrested and charged

with "improper use" of the flag. The local justice court found him guilty. He appealed to the King County Superior Court and a jury also found him guilty of violation of state law. The Washington Court of Appeals reversed the decision, but the Washington State Supreme Court reinstated the conviction.

The U. S. Supreme Court reversed the Washington State Supreme Court on the ground that Spence was engaging in constitutionally protected freedom of speech.

Spence contended, and the State of Washington did not contest his contention, that his purpose in the unusual display of the American flag was to associate the American flag with peace instead of war and violence.

"I felt there had been so much killing and that this was not what America stood for," he said. "I felt that the flag stood for America and I wanted people to know that I thought America stood for peace," he continued.

Four major factors were outlined by the Supreme Court in its decision to uphold Spence's right to communication by activity even though it involved the flag: (1) this was a privately owned flag; (2) it was displayed on private property; (3) there were no proof of any risk of breach of peace; and (4) the student was engaging in a form of communication.

## BMC Students National Winners

Mrs. Edd A. Conner, advisor for the Blue Mountain College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, and head of the Business Education Dept. at the college, and three of Blue Mountain's Mississippi business contest winners attended the National Phi Beta Lambda Convention in San Francisco June 17-20. (Phi Beta Lambda is a national honorary business fraternity.)

From the BMC group, two placed in the national contests: Jo Ellen Richardson, sophomore, placed seventh in the national vocabulary relay; Anita Crump, 1975 senior, placed seventh in the national typing event. Sheila Daniel, also a 1975 senior, attended the convention as a delegate at large.

Thirty Mississippians attended the convention. Out of the 600 delegates present, 200 from the Southern Region participated.

## Mid-Summer Church Picnic In McComb

The Sunday School of North McComb Church is sponsoring a church-wide picnic July 14 at the lodge of Dr. Verner Holmes at Quins Bridge. After morning worship the congregation will assemble at the lodge to eat the picnic lunch at 1 p.m.

Music for the afternoon worship service will be provided by the youth choir of East McComb Church, directed by James Bickham. The guest speaker for the service will be Rev. Larry Fields, pastor of First Church, Summit.

The membership of North McComb invite friends and neighbors to come enjoy this picnic time with them.



## Eskimo Pastor A Southern Baptist

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Rev. Willie Johnson, born 40 years ago on the Bering Sea coast, is one of only a few native Eskimo Southern Baptist pastors in Alaska.

For almost ten years, Mr. Johnson was spiritual leader for a congregation in Emmonak, an Eskimo village on the Bering Sea above the Arctic Circle. He was twice mayor of the village, served on the village council and school board, and was a medical aide in addition to his duties as pastor. And there he hunts with the men, "even Bible studies at five in the morning while waiting to shoot a moose."

But he was badly needed by his denomination to pastor East Third Avenue Southern Baptist church, an Eskimo congregation in Anchorage, so he gave up his secure niche in an Eskimo village to tackle the mushrooming subculture in Alaska's largest city. In Anchorage, Mr. Johnson's parish is the biggest native village in Alaska—some 8,000 Eskimos and Indians have migrated to the city, where they usually live in scattered pockets of poverty.

Now an urban pastor, Mr. Johnson is struggling to find ways to handle his new, exciting role. On Sunday mornings, he drives a bus to pick up families who have no transportation to the church. During the services, the self-taught musician directs singing, plays the organ, piano and accordion, and preaches.

When he became a Christian during his stint in the military, he had only an eighth grade education. He later finished high school and attended the Native Baptist Missions Training School in Anchorage to prepare himself for the ministry. Mr. Johnson's Eskimo name fits him well. It is Naularak, which means "a person who keeps growing."

Here, Mr. Johnson and his family present special music during a Sunday service. On another occasion, he cheers an aged Eskimo woman during a visit to a nursing home. — (RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)

# Southern Baptist Center Bustles In Mid-Manhattan

By Tim Nicholas  
NEW YORK (BP)—In mid-town Manhattan on West 27th Street is an unpretentious six-story building that since December has housed the offices of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

Here, Southern Baptists in New York, led by Ken Lyle, minister of associational services, are trying to cross some barriers to people in need.

Already four language groups hold meetings in the associational office building. One room in the building is used to teach English to recent Japanese immigrants. A Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary, Hiroshi Suzuki, is in New York on special assignment to begin development of a ministry to the Japanese there.

"These people have been sent by major Oriental companies," says Lyle. "They're affluent and not oriented toward Christianity, so we couldn't launch immediately into starting a Baptist church."

On Tuesday mornings a group of Spanish pastors meet in the building

for fellowship and strategy planning in reaching the large Spanish-speaking population in New York. The association employs a bilingual part-time secretary, Terry Costa, who helps Spanish-speaking people in their everyday problems. Not knowing the local language makes everyday events, such as making dental appointments, a major operation.

Two nights a week a French speaking Haitian mission meets in the ground floor chapel in the building.

The other language spoken in the building now is English. Besides the associational offices, the Manhattan Baptist Church keeps its offices and holds services weekly in the buildings. The Manhattan church is both a regional and community church, drawing its congregation from college students, teachers and professional people.

"A prerequisite for my getting the pastorate was that I live in the city," says John Halbrook, a Floridian who came last June from Duke University Divinity School with masters degrees both in divinity and in pastoral care.

Few children come to services, and there are no high school students. A woman heads the deacons, and the fifty church members alternate in their education hour at noon Sundays among discussion, Bible study, and seminars.

Worship service is at 1:30 p.m., and members are responsible for 11 a.m. services Sundays at the nearby French Polyclinic Hospital.

Sunday services usually include dinner. "Eating together is coming to be the best way to get to know other members," says Pastor Halbrook.

Another group activity is Project Gabriel, aten-member music and drama group. One member who has videotape equipment makes it available for production of special dramatic newscasts.

Members have produced news in modern day terminology reporting such events as Jesus feeding the 5,000 and "sports casts" such as Daniel in the lions' den.

Another language group scheduled to enter the building in early summer is a Rumanian fellowship led by retired home missionary Cornel Pasco

who also is developing fellowships in Brooklyn and Patterson, N. J., refugees.

Lyle says that a Mandarin Chinese ministry is also a distinct possibility. "We have 1,000 Chinese a month coming into New York City," says Lyle.

"Since the United Nations opened to China, we now have Chinese Communists accessible for witness even though we can't get into their country."

Though the association has only occupied the building a few months, Lyle projects a number of other ministries springboarding from the building. Among these are a counseling center for pastors and their families.

"We're shooting for a 24-hour telephone service manned by retired laymen to China, we now have Chinese counselors for among a team of Christian doctors, lawyers, and other professionals," says Lyle.

"We're designing this associational office building to become a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week ministry," he adds.

"It's not just a Baptist headquarters; that's only a by-product."

A letter from home

## A piece of pie

Our local blood bank called to say they needed my type blood. I hesitated, since I was leaving town and needed that extra hour. Besides, the round trip to the bank would burn about a gallon of gas, and with climbing prices, a gallon of gas is a gallon of gas.

But I was glad I went, especially when the nurse said, "Your blood is going right to the hospital for a kidney transplant. For transplants, fresh blood is important, because it is so rich in oxygen."



Driving home, I had that warm feeling that comes when we do something helpful. But then I thought of the person who should really be proud of himself, and that was the donor. For right then, someone whose name I didn't even know was surrendering one of his kidneys, a gift that could never be replaced. My body would manufacture more blood, but his would never make another kidney.

I suppose real giving takes place when we turn loose of something that can't be replaced. Otherwise, it's a loan.

One youngster said that love is when there's only one piece of pie left, and Mommy isn't hungry: Yet that's only the kindergarten of love, for Mommy can bake another pie. But when Mommy, or Daddy, or anyone, gives themselves, there's nothing else to give.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

Bob Hastings







# Renewal In Mind And Spirit

Ephesians 4:17 to 6:24  
By Clifton J. Allen

Just as the first three chapters of Ephesians are a masterpiece of interpretation, so the last three chapters are a masterpiece setting forth the moral demands of the Christian life and the challenge to live worthily of the Christian vocation. In reality, God's redemption in Christ aims at both faith and holiness, truth and love, and discipline and zeal on the part of the Christian. A Christian life demands resistance to evil, dedication to personal righteousness, and responsiveness to man's need. Even so, the Christian will have experiences of failure and levels of achievement. These call for renewal in mind and spirit through submission to the Holy Spirit and through disciplined dedication to his will. What does the world see in us, the image of God or signs of Satan's reign?

The Lesson Explained  
Announcing Pagan Ways  
Verses 17-24

Paul reminds his readers of their former life, which was marked by enmity or futility in their minds, inward darkness and alienation from God, spiritual ignorance and hardness of heart. They had been corrupt to the extent that licentiousness and greed and every kind of immorality

were a part of life. They yielded to the desires of the flesh with no tinge of conscience; they indulged in lust and greed and violence to satisfy the desires of their sinful natures and gratify the pride of their corrupt minds and depraved hearts. Out of this kind of life most of the Christians had come. They faced the constant temptation to slip back into evil ways. They were obligated to put off, like a dirty garment, the life of corruption and lust and deceit and then to put on or to show forth the new nature being constantly renewed in the purpose of their minds and thus show something of likeness to God in true holiness and righteousness. A determined struggle will be required to keep on renouncing the ways of evil as one keeps on seeking renewal and strength in the help of the Holy Spirit. **Alertness To Moral Demands**  
Verses 25-29

Falsehood must be put away. Deceit shows kinship with the devil. The Christian must speak the truth with his neighbor. Christians can have no helpful relationships with one another apart from being truthful with one another. One's inclination to anger must be brought under stern control, so that it will not lead to sin. Otherwise, he opens the way for the devil to gain mastery over him or a greater chance to lead him into greater sin. Stealing can no longer be allowed. Corrupt and profane speech must be given up. Profanity is a useless, degrading, and enslaving habit. The speech of the Christian can impart

grace to those who hear. In these few years Paul deals with truthful speech, the control of anger, refusal to seal or be dishonest, willingness to do honest work, and the habit of wholesome speech. These are areas in which Christians experience some of their most subtle temptations. And they are areas which demand moral conviction, spiritual struggle, and a sense of obligation of Christ the Lord. **Responsive to the Holy Spirit**  
Verse 30-32

We have new life in the Spirit. We are indwelt by the Spirit. In him and by him we are sealed for the day of redemption. Rebellion, ingratitude, disobedience, lack of trust, all these surely grieve the Spirit. Our responsiveness to the Spirit is the surest way to live a life pleasing to Christ and to become more effective in telling the good news of God's saving work in Jesus Christ.

Responsiveness to the Spirit also encourages an awareness of our relationships with fellow believers, who also are indwelt by the Spirit. Proof of our being led by the Spirit, and of our desire to be obedient to him will be found in kindness to one another, compassion for one another, and willingness to forgive one another, remembering that God in Christ has forgiven us. The fellowship in the Spirit calls for Christian love in action. If we are committed to this kind of life, we can experience the quickening of the Spirit to enable us to achieve moral victory and to be faithful to Christ the Lord in all things.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Who Am I?

By Bill Duncan  
Psalm 8

Have you ever heard this said about someone, "He finally found himself?" will never forget the first time I heard someone tell the story of Willie Loman in Arthur Miller's play *Death of a Salesman*. Willie Loman was vividly described as a man who "never knew who he was." This describes the millions of people as they are before they find out who they are. There are many who are lost in the crowds. They are depersonalized into being a social security number without a face or a name.

There are times that we may doubt that we are doing the right thing. In the December 1973 *Guidepost*, there is a story by Archie Manning in which he tells what's right with parents. His first three years with the Saints they did not win many games. There was a period in 1972 where they gotlobbered by lopsided scores. After the humiliating defeat, he was talking with his mom on the phone and he mentioned, "Maybe I should have been a farmer instead of a quarterback." To which she laughed and said, "Don't tell me you've never earned anything in all those games you lost?" Yes, he had learned that strength came out of adversity. This helped him to find himself. Can you imagine Archie Manning as a delta farmer?

"Who am I?" is the most important question a human being can ask himself and his world. Every facet of our society will give a different answer.

The psalmist says that it is the marvel of God's choice of man to be the chief revelation of Himself and His representative on earth. This is the theme of Psalm 8. Although God's glory is seen in the heavens, He makes the infants the "defenders of His cause." The world is so complicated that man is not noticed. But the psalmist declares as the truth of God that man is made in His image and appointed over creation to care for the creation.

### MAN IMPORTANT

As one contemplates the heaven with all its wealth of mystery and magnificence, he cannot but be amazed. The ancient Egyptians thought the earth was a giant flat disk under a gigantic blue bowl and they were in the center. In our scientific age, the greatness of God is more than ever before. It is estimated that our sun is only one of an one hundred billion stars in our galaxy. There are many galaxies in our universe. The known universe is estimated to be billion light years in diameter.

Dr. John Martin, a research scientist of the Argonne Laboratory near Chicago said, "We find ourselves out in a sea of natural laws." Regardless of how far we go we find ourselves standing on the edge of the unknown. This instills in me a constant feeling of reverence and humility. My respect and admiration of God's handiwork grows with every passing day I spend in the lab."

Nature is wonderful as the reflection of God's glory, but man is still more wonderfully made. He seems

to be a mere atom compared with the heavens. Yet he is more mysterious and wonderful than they.

The original "you" was a tiny cell holding the amazing DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). One two-trillionth of an ounce of DNA determined the kind of person you would become. The DNA in the start of you held the equivalent of 1,000 volumes of coded blueprints of your future body — the color of your hair and eyes, the shape of your nose, the size of your feet, etc.

The cells of your body complete their life cycle every few years, so that every few years the body renews itself. The brain cells multiply into millions and stay alive all your life. They enable you to keep remembering. Yet the original blueprint, DNA, remains in your cells throughout your life time.

Man's dignity is the true marvel of the universe. The psalmist looks away from the fall of man and its results of failure to man's nature, position, and destiny in the original purpose of God. The image of man was defaced by sin but not destroyed.

The mystery of man, of being made in the image of with the capacity to know God, is greater than the mystery of the heavens. The infant with its wonderful instincts and capacities for development — the powers of reason, thought, and speech — are to be used in the praise of God with the simple faith of childhood.

All of creation is the work of God's finger. The workmanship of a skillful artisan supplies a figure for the creative operation of God.

### THE NATURE OF MAN

Man is a weak creature. The Hebrew word of man in Psalms 8 denotes

as a man in his frailty, impotence, and mortality. The idea son of man describes his origin. This is Job's "man that is born of woman." Job 14:1.

This man is in need of God's constant, loving, providential and regard. So the psalmist said that God gives a continuous care to him.

God's regard for man was exhibited in the nature with which man was endowed and the position of sovereignty in which he was placed. Man is made in the image of God, after his likeness (Gen. 1:26,27). Man is crowned King of creation with the attributes of royalty — glory and honor.

In the day of the psalmist the dominion of man over nature was most strikingly exercised in his mastery over the animal creation which he tamed, caught or turned to his own use. In our day it is the investigation of the great laws of nature, and by the utilization of the great forces of nature, that man asserts and extends his sovereignty.

Truly all things are under the sovereignty of man. This psalm is a commentary on the Genesis account of creation.

Yet, this psalm, like no other passage of scripture sets out the glories of man and his limitations as well. All the glories of man are received from God himself. Man is only man in relationship to God. We cannot be men on our own. Man is made by God and for God. His purposes are given by God and his life is sustained by God. Only a fool would try to live as if his life did not hang on the grace and care of God Almighty. The psalmist knew well man's power and his potential. But he also knows where the power and potential comes from.

The real potential of man can never be realized without Jesus Christ. In Him all that God wants man to be is revealed. The road to power and glory is shown not to be the road of grasping ambition but humble self-denial. Sin and spiritual separation



## Tenth Anniversary At Falkner Church

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Foley were honored in a special observance June 9, marking their ten years of service at Falkner Church in Tippah County. At the morning service, Pastor Foley preached a message on Calvary, the same message he preached his first Sunday at Falkner in 1964. Mrs. Foley and their sons, Terry and David, provided the special music.

A surprise meal was served in the fellowship hall after the worship service. The congregation and many visitors attended, including the Foleys' parents, who were special guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Foley and Mr. and Mrs. Cullens Armstrong.

Ernest McMillin, deacon for many years, presented a large engraved silver tray to the Foleys as a love gift from the church.

During the ten years Mr. Foley has served at Falkner, 225 have been added to the church, 127 on profession of faith. Additions have been completed on the pasturium and the educational part of the church building. Recently the sanctuary was completely renovated.

## Alumni Raise \$181,903 For MC

Mississippi College officials have announced that the 1973-74 Annual Fund campaign sponsored by the Alumni Association raised \$181,903.22 for various departments and programs at the college, almost \$32,000 above the set goal.

John E. Thorn of Jackson, general chairman of the campaign, said that support had come from all sections of Mississippi and all parts of the country, and that he was elated over the interest alumni and friends showed in Mississippi College.

"We received gifts from 1,507 donors, including alumni and friends," said Thorn, "and we thought this was most encouraging in view of the fact that the college had just completed a successful \$3 million COMMITMENT Campaign for capital funds and other needs."

The Annual Fund, initiated 12 years ago, runs with the fiscal year. The goal this year had been \$150,000, the highest ever in the history of the campaign.

According to Thorn, a Mississippi College alumnus and Jackson bond broker, gifts ranged in size from \$1 to \$1,000.

In addition to contributions from individuals, support was also received from various churches, businesses and foundations.

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## Devotional

## Where Is Your Citizenship?

By W. A. Robinson, Pastor, State Boulevard Church, Meridian

My father was born in England. As a boy of four, he crossed the Atlantic Ocean with his parents, to settle in the coal mining section of Kentucky. In course of time he met and married a Kentucky lady, whose family had lived in this country for generations. It was later discovered that my grandfather had not become a naturalized citizen of this country. So, by her marriage, my mother had become a citizen of Great Britain. Although I was born in West Virginia, I became a subject of the British Crown. This was later resolved, when my parents obtained their citizenship papers, but for several years I lived in the USA and was legally a citizen of the British Empire.

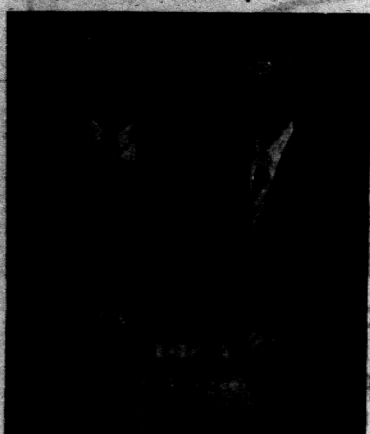
Paul wrote to the Christian citizens of Philippi, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20 ASV). Paul is saying, "You are living in Philippi, but you are citizens of heaven." They understood this, for Philippi was a Roman colony, and the people of Philippi were citizens of Rome. A colony was the empire on a small scale, a little Rome. Each colonist was responsible for maintaining the dignity of Rome and each tried to make Philippi as much like Rome as possible.

Paul draws the parallel for Christian citizens. Our residence is in Mississippi (or wherever) but we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. As a colony of heaven, we are to represent Christ the King. Each Christian is to help answer the prayer, "Thy kingdom come... on earth, as it is in heaven."

The greatest event for a Roman colony was a visit from the emperor. Elaborate preparations were made, new coins were struck, new highways were built in anticipation of the coming of the king. As a Christian colony, we look for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are preparing for the coming of the King of Kings.

Christians are to be good citizens of their country and of the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Dr. Carter Is Recognized As Outstanding Senior Citizen In Nine-County Area



Dr. John F. Carter, right above, was honored in services at Calvary, Newton, on Sunday, June 9, when his pastor, Rev. Cliff Estes, Jr., left, presented him a plaque awarded by the East Central Planning and De-

velopment District signifying his selection over a nine-county area as an outstanding "senior citizen."

Dr. Carter, 86 in February, is still an active professor of Bible at Clarke College where he has been for the past 35 years. He is the author of several books, including *The Layman's Manual of Christian Doctrine* and *Harmony of the Gospels* which he has taught to many "an enthralled student" at Clarke.

After his 65th birthday Dr. Carter was the guiding spirit for the organization of a Baptist mission in Newton which is now the Calvary Church. To this he donated four or five years as minister with no pay.

"He still teaches the adult men's Sunday school class and the adults in the church training hour. He is a continuous blessing to Calvary Church and the members. We are very proud of our distinctive senior citizen," says the pastor.

## Two Die In Auto Crashes, Youth Seriously Injured

NASHVILLE (BP) — Death claimed the life of a consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and the teenage grandson of a retired board employee in separate accidents this week.

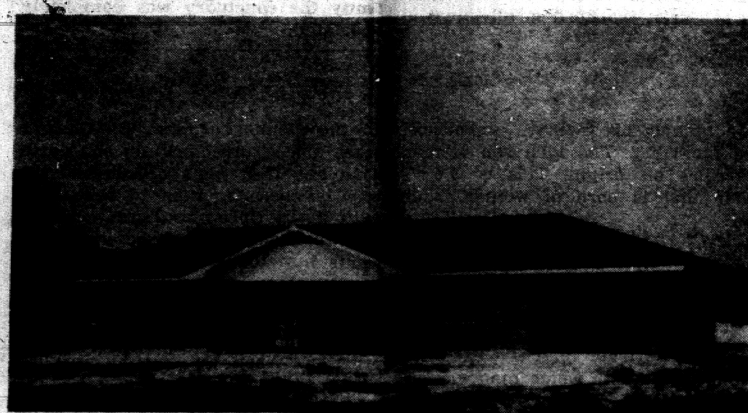
In another accident, the 20-year-old son of a former board trustee was seriously injured when a concrete bucket was dropped on him by a relief crane operator.



Dead are Grover D. Kagy, 55, the consultant, and Hal Ingraham, grandson of H. E. Ingraham, retired director of the board service division. Young Ingraham, son of prominent Middle Tennessee attorney and Mrs. Frank Ingraham of Franklin, was dead on arrival July 2 at Williamson County Hospital after he was pinned beneath a farm tractor he was operating on the family farm.

Kagy, also killed July 2, was on the way to work when his car collided with a tractor-trailer, a board spokesman said.

Seriously injured in a construction accident in late June was Phil Dunlap, son of Gerald Dunlap, minister of education for First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a former board trustee. The younger Dunlap was in Imperial Point Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale.



Bethel To Dedicate Pastorium

Dedication services for the new four-bedroom pastorium will be held at Bethel Church (Lincoln) July 14, at 1:30 p.m. following morning worship and covered dish dinner. This will be the first day of revival (see "Revival Dates.") Rev. Doug Benedict is pastor.

Police said the accident involving Kagy occurred when the tractor-trailer forced an oncoming pickup truck off the road and then collided head-on with the car driven by Kagy, who was following the pickup truck.

Kagy was dead on arrival at General Hospital here. Charges of involuntary manslaughter were placed against the truck driver.

A native of Illinois Kagy was a graduate of Gresham College, Springfield, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He had served on the board of trustees for the Sunday School Board and in numerous positions in the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Prior to coming to the board's Sunday School Department in December, 1973, Kagy was director of missions for the Cane Creek Stoddard Baptist Association in Dexter, Mo. Earlier he served as the pastor of First Baptist Church - Harvester in St. Charles, Mo., and as minister of education in churches in Texas, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri.

Kagy currently was serving as the interim pastor of Stones River Baptist Church in Smyrna, Tenn., where memorial services were held. Another memorial service was conducted at the Sunday School Board and funeral services were held in Salem, Ill.

Survivors include Kagy's widow, Mrs. Patricia O'Brien Kagy; two daughters, three brothers and four grandchildren.

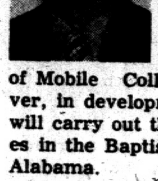
## First, Lauderdale Calls Jerry Bishop

Rev. Jerry Bishop has accepted the call to First Church, Lauderdale and has moved on the field. Graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he moves to Lauderdale from Shady Grove in Lincoln County.

The church honored Jerry, his wife Charlotte and son, Greg with a reception and old-fashioned pounding on their first Sunday night at First Church, Lauderdale. The new address is Route 1, Lauderdale, Ms. 39335.

## Patterson To Retire And Begin Work In Mobile

When Dr. Eugene N. Patterson retires as professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary he will start his work with Mobile College in Mobile, Alabama on the same date. His new address will be Fairhope, Alabama 36532.



On August 1, he begins his work in assisting the President of Mobile College, Dr. William Weaver, in development and finances. He will carry out this work as he preaches in the Baptist churches throughout Alabama.

Dr. Patterson received his education in the following institutions: Samford University; New Orleans Seminary; Union Theological Seminary in New York; Eastern Baptist Seminary; Temple University; Oxford University; and Harvard University. He has just been elected by the trustees of New Orleans Seminary as professor emeritus of evangelism.

He has served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. He has served as Professor in New Orleans Seminary, as President of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona, and as promotional secretary in Baldwin County, Alabama. During these years he has preached in more than 500 revivals.

Dr. Patterson's wife is the former Mary Jo King of Gadsden, Alabama. They have one daughter Jean Marie, who is the wife of Rev. Reneau B. Dominey of Pensacola, Florida, and there are four grandsons, Gerald, Raymond, John, and David.

## Union County Calls Culver As Missionary

Rev. Guy E. Culver of New Albany is the new superintendent of missions for Union County Association, having begun work in that capacity on May 1.

Born at Marietta, he graduated from Blue Mountain College and has done further study at the University of Mississippi. He is married to the former Dorothy Jean Sheffield and they have two daughters, Sandra Jean and Marsha Dean.



He was ordained to the ministry by Harbursburg, T u p e l o. Churches he has served as pastor include Tishomingo Chapel (Alcorn); Abbeville (Lafayette); and Northside, New Albany.

Mr. Culver is continuing to serve Northside as pastor in addition to his work as superintendent of missions. He has been their pastor since 1971.

He reports that in 1973 the Northside Church was in the top 25 churches of the state for earning awards in category 63, Bible Teaching Program, the New Church Study Course. Also the church was given the Church Training Achievement Recognition Award for 1973-74. On May 13 of this year, personnel from the state Sunday School Department went to the church to conduct a training school for all age groups in the Sunday School.

## 75,000 Mi. For Diploma

Rev. J. W. Rowland, has driven 75,000 miles on weekly round trips from Miamisburg, Ohio to graduate from the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., May 24.



Pastor of the River-view Baptist Church, Miamisburg, Ohio since 1968, he has unusual ministerial distinctions. Mr. Rowland's public acknowledgement that he was inspired to become a minister was in response to a layman's question; he became a pastor before he preached his first sermon; he has served only one church and that church has had only one pastor; and his church has grown each year under the busy pastor's leadership. He and his wife have six daughters.

## Revival Dates

Myrick, (Jones): July 14-19; Sunday 11:00 and 1:30, with dinner on ground; Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Leland Hogan, Cartersville, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Culpepper, Sandersville, music; Rev. Harold Walker, pastor.

Bethesda (Newbern): July 14-19; Rev. Jimmy D. Porter, Pleasant Ridge Church, Dumas, evangelist; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Weekday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lawrence Bunnels, pastor.

Liberty (Rankin): July 14-19, Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Lunch to be served at noon and singing in the afternoon; Weekday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Mike Willoughby of Sunshine (Rankin), evangelist; Rev. Jimmie Jenkins pastor.

Liberty Church, Liberty: July 14-19; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; weekday, 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jerry Mixon, evangelist, Petal; music led by The Ramsey Family, Waco, Texas; Rev. John E. Watts, pastor.

Fentress Church, (Choctaw): July 14-19. Evangelist, Rev. Jimmy Metts, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla.; Music director, Gladney Worrell; pianist, Miss Faye Worrell. Rev. James E. Drane, interim pastor.

Bethany Church (Choctaw): July 14-19. Evangelist, Rev. Paul Weddle, Jr., pastor of the Alva Church in Zion Association, the pastor is Rev. W. T. Holloway.

Cape Creek Church (Choctaw): July 14-19. Evangelist, Rev. J. W. Nolen, pastor of the Interstate Baptist Church, Shaw, Miss. Pastor is Rev. Eugene Evans.

Pleasant Grove, Brookhaven: July 21-26; Dr. David G. Byrd of Jackson, Tenn., evangelist; The Ramsey Family, music evangelists of Waco, Texas. Singers; Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Services during the week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Gerald Aultman, pastor.

Calvary, Pascagoula: July 14-17; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. during the week; Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, evangelist; Rev. James Miller, music director; assisted by Mrs. Byron Mathis, Sanctus Choir director; Mrs. Van Graham, organist, and Mrs. Ruby Higdon, pianist; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Temple, Hattiesburg: July 7-12; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays - 7 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Bill Baker, pastor, First Church, Clinton, evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, music evangelists, Yazoo City; Rev. Kermit D. McGregor, pastor.

Popular Springs Church (Calhoun County): July 21-26; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor Byram Baptist Church, evangelist; Larry Bratton, singer.

Dixie Church, Hattiesburg: July 21-26; Rev. Edwin King, pastor Shiloh Church, Ralph, Ala., evangelist; Bob Galbraith, minister of music of Dixie Church, singer; nursery will be provided; services 7:30 p.m.; Wayne O. Hoggie, interim pastor.

Bethel (Lincoln): July 14-19; services at 7:30 p.m. during week; Rev. Robert Wade Brown, pastor, Ebenezer, Bassfield, evangelist, and Mike K. Carr of Union Church, singer (both are seniors at Wm. Carey); Rev. Doug Benedict, pastor.

Ethel Church: July 14-19; Rev. Richard Wash of Brewton, Alabama, evangelist; Neal and Margaret Suddard, of Memphis, music evangelists; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Charles T. Rogers, pastor.

Bluff Springs (Pike): July 8-12; services at 8 p.m.; Rev. David Shotton, pastor, West Pensacola Church, Pensacola, Fla.; evangelist; Benny Still, minister of music and youth at Navilla (Pike), singer; Rev. Richard White, pastor.

Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Pearl: July 7-12; Rev. J. Doyle Caples, pastor of White Oak Church, Smith County, evangelist; music directed by Glenn Davis, music and youth director of Paul Truitt; Monday - Friday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor.

Magee's Creek (Walthall): July 7-14; at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. E. L. Ray, pastor of Buckatuna Church, Meridian, evangelist; Rev. Curtis Williams, pastor of Central Church, McComb, in charge of song service; Rev. Darnell Archie, pastor.

Dumas: July 7-12; Rev. Rex Yancy of the Rex Yancy Evangelistic Association, Inc., Tupelo, evangelist; Jerry Beatty, minister of music at Antioch Church, Columbus, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor.

## Mrs. C. J. Gatlin And R. E. Hughes To Be Recognized At West Laurel

On Sunday, July 14, the West Laurel Baptist Church will honor Mrs. C. J. Gatlin for her 35 years of faithful service as a teacher of 11 and 12 year old girls. Mrs. Gatlin joined the West Laurel Baptist Church in 1934 and began to teach juniors a few years later. She has also been faithful to the W.M. U. work, Training Union, has served in the nursery, and all the phases of the church work, and is still teaching and attending morning and evening services and prayer meeting.



Mrs. Gatlin has two daughters and a son who live in Laurel. Mrs. Audrey Smith, Mrs. Reese Smith and Mr. Roland Gatlin. She has three grandchildren and all of these are active members of the West Laurel Baptist Church. Mrs. Gatlin would like all girls whom she has taught in years past to be present Sunday morning July 14 if possible and if you cannot come, write to her in care of the church!

R. E. Hughes will also be recognized on this day. Mr. Hughes has been active at West Laurel Baptist for some 30 years. He has served in the capacity of teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, served as an active deacon and chairman of the deacons. Friends of Mr. Hughes are invited to share this day at West Laurel.

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## Allison To Speak At Flag Chapel

Dr. Gray Allison, president of Mid-America Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, will preach at Flag Chapel Church in Jackson on Sunday July 14, according to announcement by the deacons of the church. Flag Chapel presently is without a pastor.

Flag Chapel church is located at 738 Flag Chapel Drive in Northwest Jackson. Services are at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Allison is a widely known evangelist and formerly served on the faculty of New Orleans Seminary. He has been president of Mid-America, an independent Baptist institution, since its founding more than two years ago.

## Annie Armstrong - - -

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Payne College in Brownwood, Tex. Scroggs, a native of Fruitland, Tenn., is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, where he received the master of divinity and doctor of ministries degrees.

He is an Air Force veteran and has served as the pastor of the churches in Tennessee, Missouri and New York. David Donald Benham was named assistant director of the department of language missions, effective September 1.

A Kiowa Indian, Benham is a native of Fayetteville, Ark., and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he received the master of religious education degree.

## Ovett Attains Distinguished Recognition

Ovett Church, Jones Association, has attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured are some of those responsible for this accomplishment. First row: Randy Landrum, Church Training Director; Mrs. Randy Landrum, Children I; Alvin Scarbrough, Youth I. Second row: Libby Landrum, Children II; Patsy Ann Graham, Youth II; Janis Adams, Children I. Third row: Jewel Donald, Adult II; Connie Lee, Adult I; Shirley Ezell, Children II.

Rev. John C. Forsman was pastor during the time the church was working for and attaining this recognition. Eight churches this year have reached this highest level of recognition—the largest number Mississippi has ever reported in a single year.

## Center Terrace Announces Homecoming

Center Terrace Church, Canton, announces plans for their first homecoming, Sunday, July 21.

Douglas Rastberry, Chairman of the Steering Committee, is leading the Homecoming Committee in planning special activities for that day.

During the morning worship service recognition of visitors will be made, a brief history of the church related, and special music will be offered. Dinner on the grounds will be spread immediately following the morning worship service. An informal afternoon service will close the day. Special guests for the day will be former pastors, charter members, and those traveling the greatest distances to join the church for Homecoming.

The church wishes to invite all friends and former members.

## Off The Record

The cart in the supermarket is the most expensively run vehicle in the world.

The guy had fished all day with no success. Stopping by the market, he said to a clerk, "Throw me 5 nice trout."

"Why do you want me to throw them to you?" he was asked. "So I can tell my wife I caught them!" said the unsuccessful fellow. "I am a poor fisherman, but I'm not a liar."

If at first you don't succeed, try looking in the wastebasket for the directions.

Teacher asked little Willie if he was animal, vegetable, or mineral. "Vegetable," he proudly answered, "I'm a human bean."

At a vacation camp for children, a little girl fished for a while, then threw down her pole in frustration and cried, "I quit."

Asked for an explanation, she said, "I just can't seem to get waited on."

An angler carrying a huge fish met another fisherman whose catch consisted of 12 little fish. "Howdy," said the first man as he laid down his big fish and waited for a comment.

The other fisherman stared at it for a few moments, then calmly remarked, "Just caught the one, eh?"

Diets are for people who are thick and tired of it.

The husband was trying to get himself out of trouble with his wife. "I did not say you were built like a truck. I merely said people were afraid to pass you to the right."

Neighbor: My, I'm glad to hear that your son is on the high school football team. What position does he play? Mother: I'm not sure, but I think he is one of the drawbacks.

And then there was the new bride who went through 6 boxes of cake mix trying to concoct a birthday cake for her husband. Every time she put the cake in the oven, the candles would melt.

The teacher asked a class discussing the North American Indian, if anyone could tell what the leaders of the tribes were called. "Chiefs," said a little girl. "Correct," said the teacher. "And what were the women called?" A sharp little lad answered promptly, "Mischiefs."